Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 25 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 25 Dec 2020 at 01:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Moderate from Sunday with uncertainty in location of snow showers, then Low from Monday.

Headline for Friday 25 Dec 2020: Low cloud, patchy rain and summit snow. Severe gales in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 25 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Dull	Light snow	Sleet	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
10%	50%	60%	60%	80%	30%

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Weather: Patchy light rain, snow above 800m, in the morning, but largely dry across the Trossachs and Arran. Turning to rain up to 1000m by early afternoon. Severe gales develop across the tops in the afternoon. A couple of hours of heavier more persistent rain to all levels from dusk, clearing in the evening to leave showers turning to snow down to 700-800m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% around dawn, patchy cloud mainly above 600-700m. Chances falling through the day as cloud thickens and lowers, becoming extensive above 600m, occasionally down to 500m, then 300-400m by evening. Cloud breaks up late evening.

Visibility: Mostly poor on the tops in low cloud. Often good at low levels.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	22/27 S	26/32 S	35/45 SW	41/53 SW	43/56 SW	37/48 W	36/48 SW
900	14/21 SW	19/26 SW	26/36 SW	28/40 SW	29/42 SW	27/38 W	26/37 W
600	20/24 S	24/31 SW	32/41 SW	36/47 SW	36/48 SW	29/39 SW	28/39 SW
300	10/13 S	10/15 S	16/27 SW	20/32 SW	21/32 SW	14/23 SW	16/26 SW
Glen	6/11 SW	7/15 SW	11/24 SW	15/32 SW	15/32 SW	12/26 W	12/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-4/-12	-3/-11	-2/-11	-2/-11	0/-8	-2/-12	-3/-12
900	-2/-8	-1/-7	0/-7	1/-7	2/-5	0/-7	-1/-8
600	1/-5	2/-5	3/-4	3/-4	4/-2	3/-4	2/-5
300	3/-1	3/-0	5/0	5/0	6/2	5/1	4/-1
Glen	3/1	4/2	6/3	7/3	8/4	7/4	6/2
Freezing Level*	600m	800m	1000m	1000m	1400m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Increasingly difficult conditions through the day with a high chance of being blown over. Bitterly cold despite rising freezing levels.

Forecast for Saturday 26 Dec 2020
Weather: Frequent showers merge to give persistent heavy rain in the early hours, this continuing throughout the day, falling as snow above 900-1000m. Severe gales on the summits throughout the day, giving persistent blizzard conditions on the summits. Snow lowering to 400-500m around late evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest 45 gusting 60-70 mph, easing to 25 gusting 35-40 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil, cloud persistent above 400-500m.

Visibility: Very poor throughout at height, near zero in persistent blizzards. A few km at low levels in heavy rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius, falling to minus 1 Celsius late evening.
Freezing level: 900-1100m, falling to 400m late evening.

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